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Education head selected

University of Montana President Richard Bowers said yesterday that he expects Albert Yee, recently appointed dean of UM's School of Education, to "strengthen" the school's program with his "very solid foundation in the discipline."

Yee, dean of graduate studies at California State University, Long Beach, worked to help establish the school's Graduate Studies and Research Center.

Six finalists

Bowers said he chose Yee from among six finalists because of his background and administrative experience.

Yee's appointment to the \$34,300-a-year post must still be confirmed by the Board of Regents at its August meeting.

The five other finalists' names submitted to Bowers by a search committee were associate

professor and acting dean Jon Wiles; Francis Thiemann of the University of Louisville; David Byrne of the University of Utah; James Barth of Purdue University; and Gene Piche of the University of Minnesota.

Yee holds a master's degree in administration from San Francisco State College and a bachelor's degree in both English literature and zoology from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a 1965 education graduate of Stanford University.

Research background

Bowers acknowledged Yee's "great deal of personal background" in research, but said the he does not know "how much he'll be able to do with that" at UM, given the "heavy administrative responsibilities" of his new job.

Among his many memberships in state and national professional

organizations, he is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the American Psychological Association and the National Conference for Research in English.

Yee also teaches educational psychology at CSU and has a background in social psychology of education, curricular planning and development, and research and evaluation theory and methods.

Yee, a Fulbright scholar, visited the People's Republic of China representing the American Psychological Association. He was a Fulbright lecturer at Tokyo University and Tamagawa University in 1972.

Yee will replace Wiles who has served as acting dean since David Smith resigned at the end of the last school year.

Bowers says high court decision won't hurt handicapped students

By JEFF COLE

Montana Kaimin Reporter

The Supreme Court's controversial Davis decision will probably not affect the admission of handicapped students at the University of Montana, Darla Rucker, a handicapped coalition representative, said yesterday.

Rucker, who had earlier expressed fear that last month's decision would mean UM students would be denied admission to some programs, said she was assured by UM President Richard Bowers in a meeting yesterday that no admissions policy changes are anticipated.

Supreme Court

The Supreme Court upheld a district court decision that handicapped people have no legal right to attend schools if they cannot meet the physical qualifications.

The decision denied the admission of a 46-year-old hearing-impaired nurse to a registered nursing program at a South Carolina community college.

Rucker, a Montana Coalition for Handicapped Individuals representative, said the only programs that might have been affected by the decision were the UM pharmacy program and the UM branch of the Montana State University nursing program. She said that if any admissions problem should arise, she and Bowers had agreed to "handle it as it comes up."

She said she is more concerned about such problems occurring at one of Montana's other colleges than at UM.

Plans by handicapped organizations across the nation to protest the decision are still being arranged, Rucker said. She added that a Wednesday meeting at UM's Women's Resource Center is planned for local officials to decide their role in that action.

Rucker said that a UM handicapped task force had met recently and decided on accessibility improvements to be made on campus, although "they didn't get that much money."

Withdrawal date

Monday is the last day to withdraw from classes for those attending the first session only.

State funds

Roger Miller, president of the UM Handicapped Student Union, said the school has received about \$114,000 in state building funds, though plans to make the campus "totally accessible" required about two million dollars.

He said that "just under a million dollars" had been requested from the last Legislature for such improvements at all Montana's colleges and universities. The Legislature designated \$529,500 for improvements throughout the entire university system.

Miller said the money will be used to modify bathrooms, entrances, ramps, lab benches, stairs and railings.

Among the scheduled projects are a "check" of the stairs in the Journalism Building for possible improvements and a modification of the east entrance to the Health Sciences Building.

He said task force members were "not sure how far the money will go" and made a list requiring completion of the priority projects first, including the Journalism and Health Science buildings.

Fine arts dean wants to be 'advocate'

Although she is without specific plans for the University of Montana fine arts school, Sister Kathy Martin said this week her primary responsibility as its new dean is to be a strong "advocate."

By that, Martin said, she means stepping up recruitment for the school, organizing strong lobbying efforts in the state Legis-

lature and generally promoting UM's dance, drama, art and music departments here and out of state.

Martin, 39, was recently approved as the new fine arts dean by the Board of Regents. She replaces Robert Kiley, who plans to continue teaching at UM. She will begin work Sept. 1.

Martin is a member of the

Catholic Sisters of Providence, a group of nuns that is "very involved in higher education," she said.

Martin was chairman of the drama department at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana, has worked as a consultant for the National Endowment of the Arts organization and has taught high school in Wisconsin and Illinois. She has also served several years on the Indiana Arts Commission.

Martin said the School of Fine Arts needs a dean performing an advocacy role because the school faces the constant threat of the 19:1 student-faculty ratio.

The departments of dance, drama, music and art traditionally need more professors per student than other disciplines because of the number of classes requiring individual instruction. Martin said by stepping up recruiting efforts, the fine arts school may eventually be able to request more teachers to accommodate more students.

Martin said she applied for the UM position because she was impressed with the potential of the fine arts school and its "very strong" faculty.

Martin said the school also needs an organized group of department heads and teachers working with the Legislature to convince it of the need for a quality fine arts school at UM.

One important point to be emphasized to the Legislature is the value of the school to the community, state and region, she said. UM has the only quality fine arts school in Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, and should be treated as a "resource"

for these areas, she said.

Martin explained that UM should take the lead in offering fine arts instruction and programs in the elementary and secondary schools, for example.

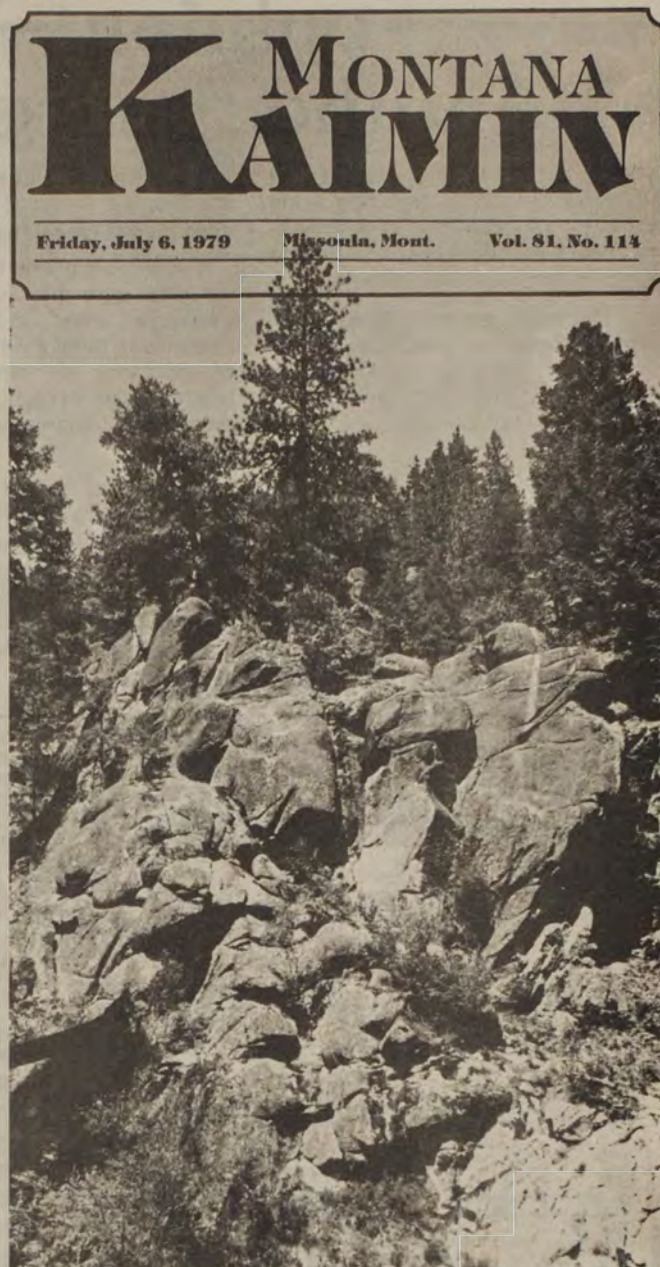
In the process of working with the Legislature, Martin said she "hopes" the Legislature will be convinced of the need for a new fine arts building.

UM failed to get an appropriation for a new fine arts building this legislative session. The current facility, which includes the University Theater, has been termed unsafe and dangerous by several drama professors and students.

Another area Martin wants to work on is increasing the exposure of UM fine arts students to work being done in their fields outside the university. For example, drama students should be able to attend plays in New York through a university-sponsored program, she said. And art students should be able to travel to the west coast to see galleries and displays of work, she added.

By increasing student awareness of current efforts in various fields, the school will also get important national exposure. This, Martin said, is what brings students to schools.

Martin acknowledged that it will take her a few months before she has more specific plans outlined and a timetable set for those goals. But, she said, she met briefly with department heads and administration officials while she was here two days earlier this week, and began to discuss some of her plans as the new dean of the school.



(Staff photo by Curt Walters.)



SISTER KATHY MARTIN

opinion

Another energy policy with no teeth?

Recently Gov. Thomas Judge issued an executive order requiring state agencies to reduce vehicle travel by 10 percent this fiscal year as part of a state government fuel-conservation plan.

The governor seems genuinely concerned about the effects of a fuel shortage in the state. He mentioned rising unemployment and other economic consequences such as a fuel shortage could create.

Considering the current problems with diesel fuel, the governor has probably thought more than he has wanted to about such consequences.

Anyway, the idea is sound and it's about time state government had a fuel-conservation plan.

But, we shouldn't be taken in by all this just yet — especially if the past does indeed repeat itself.

It was during this same time two summers ago, that Judge issued an executive order mandating state agencies to reduce their consumption of electricity by 10 percent. The governor also asked industry and the public to voluntarily reduce electrical use.

The reason behind the governor's order was the severe drought that plagued the Northwest and in effect had brought reservoir levels dangerously low. Hydro-generated electricity provides 80 percent of the region's electrical needs.

But at it turned out, there was no action — only a lot of study.

A week after the governor's order, decorative lighting at the capitol was still on.

State officials were saying the executive order was for show and not for actual savings. An example of the "do as I say, not as I do" syndrome.

So, once again the governor is going to have state government set an example for the public. His proposal includes the firing of any state employee who is caught speeding in a state vehicle more than twice.

Too bad that doesn't include elected officials.

According to the governor, the state can save up to 525,000 gallons of

gasoline if the 10 percent cutback in vehicle use is met.

In the best interests of the state, let's hope this executive order doesn't turn out to be a joke like the one in 1977.

For unlike the 1977 problem, rainfall cannot fill gasoline tanks as it did the reservoirs in the Northwest two years ago.

Norm Johnson

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UM student dies

Allan Nielsen, a former University of Montana basketball player, was buried in his home town of Westby Tuesday.

Nielsen, 22, was critically injured in a construction accident west of St. Regis Friday morning. He died from those injuries early Saturday morning.

Nielsen, who was honored as the Grizzlies' most valuable player last season, was completing a degree in physical education at UM.

Last season Nielsen was co-captain and scoring leader for the Grizzlies. He was also named to the All Big Sky Conference basketball team's second team and once named to the Big Sky tournament's first team.

An endowment fund for Nielsen's 11-month-old son,

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Play

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Plays

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UM actors give strong showing in 'Kiss Me Kate'

By SUZANNE BRADLEY
Montana Kaimin Co-Editor

The University of Montana drama department opened its summer season Wednesday night with a strong performance of the musical "Kiss Me Kate."

First night jitters aside, the actors in major and minor roles developed good, consistent characterizations. And, surprisingly, the principal players were as talented in their singing as they were in their acting. There were moments, especially in the company numbers, when the music, singing and acting came together in one fluid event.

The play runs tonight and tomorrow, and then again Wednesday-Saturday. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for students and senior citizens.

The musical is based on a troupe of actors preparing and then performing William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew." The two principal players were once married and the play's opening night is the anniversary of their divorce. The result is a funny twist of Shakespearean poetry and domestic fighting on stage.

Richard Hutzler plays the

leading role of Fred Graham, the estranged husband and actor-director trying one more time to succeed in theater. Kathy Roemer is Lili Vanessi, an actress of some fame playing the title role of "Kate" and one-time wife to Graham.

Hutzler deserves a special mention because of the way he magnetically draws the audience into the action.

Whenever he is on stage, the tempo and vigor of the play immediately increase. He is an infectious actor.

Roemer shines whenever the script calls for seething anger, characteristic of Shakespeare's Kate and of Vanessi. With whip in hand, Roemer in Act 2 convincingly sings "I Hate Men," while punctuating her song with cold and vicious cracks.

There is strength too in the successful use of many different sets. The play moves smoothly from the dressing rooms of Graham and Vanessi, to a back alley scene, to the bold, colorful set for the Shakespearean play. Credit goes to Bill Raoul, who designed the scenes.

In smaller roles, Mary Thielen as Lois Lane does a little scene stealing as an ambitious actress who bumps and grinds her way

through life and acting.

Joel Waller, as Paul the choreographer, does some of the best vocal and dancing work in his songs "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" and "Too Darn Hot."

The Thugs, played by Loyd

Smith and Neil Michelson, are traditional gangsters complete with accents. The pair have genuine fun in their roles and were a favorite with the audience.

The opening song is one of the few weaknesses in the show. The

tune is sung by Sheila Cooney, who does a good job playing a bawdy maid called Hattie. But Cooney does more shouting than singing. It's part of the character to be loud, but some of the musicality of the tune was lost.

by Garry Trudeau



Man found locked in attic

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Police responding to a call for first aid in suburban West Seneca found a naked, emaciated 69-year-old man who they said may have been locked in an attic for half a century.

West Seneca Police Chief Bruce Manning said Erwin Moll was found Monday lying in a fetal position in a second-floor attic of the home occupied by his brother and sister.

"The man was found in very poor condition," Manning said Tuesday. "More or less a Howard

Hughes-type condition. Emaciated, you know.

"Officers at the scene said he had very long toenails, was lying naked in a fetal position, twisted grotesquely and apparently in an advanced state of malnutrition," Manning said.

He said Moll had been apparently locked in the attic for some time by his sister Agnes.

"His sister said he had been mentally incompetent for the last 50 years," Manning said.

Police were trying to determine whether Moll had been confined in the attic for the entire half-century, Manning said. The Erie County Medical Center reported Moll in fair condition.

The police chief said Miss Moll called police, but officials had not been able to determine what caused her to seek assistance. The residence did not contain a telephone, and family members could not be reached for comment.

Manning said no charges had been filed, but an investigation was under way.

He said investigators have found that Miss Moll and her 72-year-old brother Raymond were both receiving Social Security benefits, but Erwin had never been registered in the Social Security system.

Plays set

Shakespeare in the Parks, a touring drama group, will perform Sunday and Monday night on the University of Montana oval.

"As You Like It," by William Shakespeare, will be presented Sunday at 7 p.m., and on Monday, the group will perform Edmond Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac," also at 7 p.m.

The performances are free.

The group, which has actors from all over the country, is sponsored in part by the Montana State University Department of Theatre Arts and is in its seventh touring season. The group plans to visit 36 Montana communities in 43 days.

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